

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

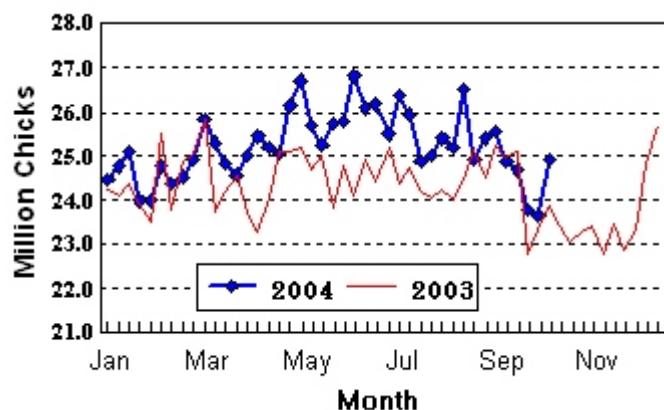
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.9 million during the week ending October 16, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 5 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 16, 2004 were 1.06 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.4 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 3 percent from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

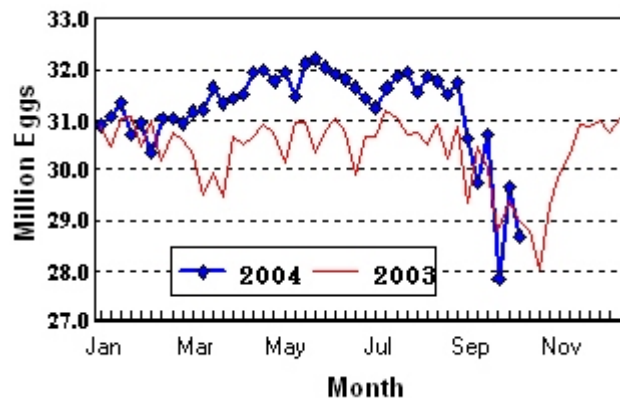
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 16, 2004, down 1 percent from the same period last year, and down 3 percent from the revised previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Sep. 11	25,253	25,536	101	25,531	26,208	103	29,368	30,639	104
Sep. 18	24,972	24,868	100	24,763	25,938	105	30,458	29,739	98
Sep. 25	25,128	24,656	98	25,337	26,187	103	30,013	30,719	102
Oct. 2	22,798	23,806	104	24,220	25,457	105	28,806	27,856	97
Oct. 9	23,333	23,656	101	25,229	24,524	97	29,386	29,684	101
Oct. 16	23,886	24,930	104	25,229	25,353	102	28,989	28,681	99

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	25-Sep	02-Oct	09-Oct	16-Oct		11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep	02-Oct	09-Oct	16-Oct	
Alabama	28,929 *	29,335	28,953	28,157	108	21,825	21,309	21,257	21,052	19,976	20,451	99
ARKANSAS	30,719 *	27,856	29,684 *	28,681	99	25,536	24,868	24,656	23,806	23,656 *	24,930	104
Delaware	3,551	3,631	3,619	3,562	112	4,719	5,096	4,813	4,093	4,644	5,093	122
Florida	1,359	1,348	1,349	1,349	100	1,359	1,298	1,226	1,421	1,555	1,575	84
Georgia	30,739	31,504	32,751	30,101	102	27,180	27,310	27,247	25,441	25,792	23,176	96
Kentucky	6,636	6,547	6,827 *	5,839	105	6,012	5,982	5,595	5,454	5,574 *	5,753	104
Louisiana	3,816	3,846	3,816	3,816	101	3,662	4,128	3,921	3,531	3,655	3,659	94
Maryland	8,587	8,548	8,053	8,090	101	6,020	5,557	5,718	5,695	4,567	5,547	88
Mississippi	17,623 *	17,923	18,194	17,553	103	17,194	16,260	17,108	16,076	15,626	15,942	110
N. Carolina	17,859 *	16,649	17,084	16,956	104	14,715	14,270	13,895	13,605	13,669	14,410	104
Oklahoma	5,782	5,699	6,195	6,220	103	5,021	6,720	5,744	5,016	4,304	4,805	114
Pennsylvania	3,683	3,881 *	3,705 *	3,660	111	2,894	2,903	2,907	2,661 *	2,464 *	2,555	101
S. Carolina	4,012	4,223	4,267	4,198	107	3,789	4,026	3,713	4,330	4,537	4,435	120
Texas	15,213	14,759	15,125	13,836	108	12,704	12,733	12,575	12,254	11,105	12,596	105
Virginia	6,245	5,847	6,530	6,091	96	5,401	5,518	5,061	5,458	4,820	4,794	95
CA,MO,TN,WV	16,711	17,261	17,561 *	16,715	111	16,204	14,985	15,735	16,949	15,014 *	14,243	101
Total 2004	201,464 *	198,857 *	203,713 *	194,824		174,235	172,963	171,171	166,842 *	160,958 *	163,964	
Total 2003	195,868	195,032	196,592	187,583		168,773	165,761	163,137	158,932	157,612	160,266	
%Prev. Year	103	102	104	104		103	104	105	105	102	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						30-Oct	06-Nov	13-Nov	20-Nov	27-Nov	04-Dec	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 195 million eggs during the week ending October 16, 2004. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 16, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 16, 2004 were 7.22 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.